House Resolution No. 841

Whereas, a birthday is a very special day on which an individual pauses to reflect upon triumphs of the past and looks forward to even greater accomplishments in the years ahead; and

Whereas, Bob O'Keefe, Jr., a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate his Fiftieth Birthday with a special celebration on March 1, 2008; and

Whereas, on March 2, 1958, God brought a special gift to Betty and Bob O'Keefe, Sr., with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Bob, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Bob O'Keefe the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as helping his father as a commercial painter and assisting his mother as a neighborhood activist; and

Whereas, Bob O'Keefe has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three sisters, aunts, nieces, and nephews; and

Whereas, Bob O'Keefe has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being the youngest city councilman elected to the Ferguson City Council, where he served three terms and played an instrumental role in the passage of a bond issue for a new police station; founding the Banner Bunch; promoting the city's involvement in the Oak Park Exchange, a support system for communities dealing with integration in positive ways; and

Whereas, a voracious reader of American history who is known for his avid interest in politics and command of presidential trivia, Bob O'Keefe has also distinguished himself by holding positions at Crown, Cork and Seal and Morris Paint Company, and by serving as an Assistant to the Director of the Jobs Partnership Center and as Director of the St. Louis County Family Investment Center, where he assists low income families; and

Whereas, Bob O'Keefe is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our hearty congratulations and happy birthday greetings to Bob O'Keefe at this significant milestone and in wishing him continued success, peace, and contentment in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bob O'Keefe, Jr.

Offered by

Representative Margaret Donnelly District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 841, adopted February 27, 2008.